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SUBJECT: STAFF NOTES TWO: UPDATE ON US/SOVIET RELATIONS
AND MISCELLANY

FOR COUNSELOR MATTHEW NIMETZ

1. THERE IS NOT MUCH IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY
BY SEPTEL TO GET YOU A COPY OF A STATE CABLE (STATE
226048) REPORTING ON PAN AMERICAN'S DECISION TO CEASE
FLYING TO A NUMBER OF POINTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING
BUCHAREST. THIS IS NOW PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

2. THE PRESIDENT HAS REAFFIRMED THE DECISION TO ALLOW THE
SALE OF OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT BY DRESSER TO THE SOVIET
UNION. THIS IS NOW PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

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3. AS YOU KNOW, CRAWFORD RECEIVED A SUSPENDED SENTENCE.
AT THE THURSDAY NOON BRIEFING WE SAID THAT "WHILE WE
REGARD THE ACTION AGAINST MR. CRAWFORD AS IMPROPER AND UN-
WARRANTED, THIS RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER WILL SERVE TO
REMOVE WHAT HAS BEEN A SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT IN SOVIET-
AMERICAN RELATIONS."

4. SPENCER OLIVER CALLED THURSDAY AFTERNOON. HE AND SEVERAL OTHERS AT THE COMMISSION PLAN TO LEAVE FOR EUROPE TOMORROW. THEIR ROMANIA VISA REQUESTS HAVE BEEN WITH THE EMBASSY FOR TWO WEEKS AND SPENCER REQUESTED THAT YOU ASK THE ROMANIANS TO EXPEDITE THE VISA ISSUANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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